



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, January 25, 2014

LOCATION: Kelly Wallace's house, 5269 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Kelly Wallace, Gary Green, Carole Meredith, Ken Van Oeveren, Bill Robertson, Joanne Sutro, Wayne Cain

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: December 28 minutes were approved

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Van Oeveren reported that the current bank balance is \$28,792.91. The 2014 budget was presented and approved. Budgeted income is \$50,348. Budgeted expenses are \$52,328.

Our sales tax is payable to the Board of Equalization in May. Our current liability is \$120 so the budgeted amount of \$150 allows for some additional sales tax liability that might accrue before then.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Grants:

- a. California Fire Safe Council Grants Clearinghouse:** Kelly Wallace reported that he has now filed all the necessary paperwork for the MVFSC and that Stephen Gort has done the same for the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation.

The next step is the environmental process. Delta Camp will go through the CEQA process. Our project has been given priority by Delta Camp because it is an ongoing project. There is also a Federal environmental process that Liron Galliano (Grant Manager, California Fire Safe Council) will initiate when our project gets final funding approval. The Federal environmental review is based on existing data and maps. The outcome of that review may determine the start

date of the project. It is hoped that the fact that our project is located along an existing roadway may favor environmental approval.

Kelly asked Gary Green to plan on starting the 2014 work in March and to meet with Amy Head as soon as possible to schedule the Delta Camp crew.

- b. **Napa Communities Firewise Foundation:** Kelly Wallace met with Darren Drake about our pending funding request and Darren said we have been approved by the NCCFF board for \$15,000. But this money will only be made available to us after we spend through the Federal grant money. Since the Federal grant is not enough to finish the project, the NCCFF money could help us to complete it. But the Federal money is to be spent over 2 years, so it is not clear whether we can get the NCCFF money in 2014.
- c. **Natural Resources Conservation Service:** No update. Gary Green has had no time to pursue this. Bill Robertson suggested inviting Kelly Gin of the NRCS to one of our meetings. Kelly Wallace said he will call her.

2. Events:

- a. **Golf Tournament:** Kelly Wallace reported that Greg Holquist is unable to take on the golf tournament this year, so there will be no 2014 tournament.

3. Project Updates:

- a. **Green reflective address signs:** Gary Green reported receiving 9 new orders since the last meeting.
- b. **Firewood Sales:** We have sold 2 pickup truck loads of unsplit wood. We have 2/3 of a cord of split wood left. Kelly Wallace reported that Greg Holquist said he will organize a wood splitting work party in May or June.

- 4. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan update:** The group recommended that Evangeline James should continue to work with Bill Robertson on the update of the CWPP.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. **Firewise Communities application:** Kelly Wallace is still working on this, with the assistance of Amy Head.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Community Projects:** A letter will be drafted for Kelly Wallace to send to request more funding from Community Projects.
- 2. **1st National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day:** It was suggested that we contact the other Napa Fire Safe Councils and the fire department about an event for this day. It was also suggested that an event on this date could be combined with the spring community meeting. Ken Van Oeveren (the new chair of the Dry Creek Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department Board) and Bill Robertson offered to talk to Larry Russell about organizing a joint event.

3. **MVFSC website:** Gary Green reported that Sue Santos will now be doing the website updates.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 am

Next Meeting: Saturday February 22 at 9:00
Joanne Sutro and Wayne Cain's house
4143 Dry Creek Road

TO DO LIST:

Gary Green:

1. Work with Cal Fire to schedule Delta Camp to work on our Old Ridge Road project.

Kelly Wallace:

1. Invite Kelly Gin to attend one of our meetings so we can better understand the NRCS funding process
2. Prepare a "Hold Harmless" document for MVFSC members to sign in case any of us gets hurt in the course of our projects

Evangeline James:

1. Continue to work on CWPP update with Bill Robertson

Bill Robertson:

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Carole Meredith:

1. Check county records regarding the current ownership of the late Chester Brandlin's property along the Old Ridge Road